



# HORSESHOE SCOUT RESERVATION RULES & REGULATIONS FOR WEEKEND CAMPING

*UNIT LEADERS: Please review the information below with your unit prior to your weekend event.*

## CHECK-IN

Groups camping at the Horseshoe Scout Reservation can check in **beginning at 6 PM on Friday evening**. All arriving units must check in with the ranger or the campmaster *BEFORE* going to your cabin/campsite.

Please contact the us (610-696-2900) if you are unable to attend at all.

- Inspect your facility for previous damage before moving in. Notify the ranger or campmaster of any items that need to be repaired or replaced. Please do not wait until Sunday's check-out to inform us of maintenance needs that can be corrected immediately.
- At least one representative is required to attend the "leader meeting" on Friday evening in the headquarters for review of camp policy, emergency procedures, updates etc.
- Two (2) adult leaders (minimum 21 yrs. Of age) must be present and remain with the unit at all times during their stay at the Horseshoe Scout Reservation. Units that fail to maintain the minimum number of adult leaders will not be permitted to remain in camp.

**FIREWOOD DEPOSIT** - All units reserving cabins (except Macaleer Lodge) are required to leave a \$50 firewood deposit per facility rented with the ranger or campmaster. This deposit will be returned to the unit upon check-out after verification that an equal amount of any firewood used by the group during the weekend has been replaced. Groups staying in tent, adirondack or stockade sites as well as Macaleer Lodge do not have to provide a firewood deposit. Firewood brought into camp is limited to coming from within a 50-mile radius of camp.

The use of chainsaws is restricted to operators who are at least 18 years old and have taken and the BSA chainsaw safety training class. The felling of ANY standing timber is strictly forbidden without the approval of an HSR ranger. A fine of \$15 per inch of tree diameter will be assessed for any violation.

**PARKING** - All vehicles must travel only established roadways and are required to be parked in designated areas ONLY. This requirement is necessary in the event that should an emergency occur it is absolutely critical that there be clear, unhindered access to all roads and buildings.

- **Camp Horseshoe:** Vehicles may unload at the closest access point to their cabin/site but must then be promptly returned to a DESIGNATED PARKING AREA (the roads must remain clear and open in the event of an emergency).
- **Camp Ware:** No vehicles are permitted beyond the main parking lot.

## CAMPING EQUIPMENT

- Participating campers must provide their own sleeping, cooking, dining and program equipment. This includes trash bags, toilet paper, dish soap, and paper towels. Bow saws, firefighting equipment, splitting mauls, shovels and rakes can be signed out from the campmaster.

## SAFETY

- It is a violation of the local fire safety ordinances to disable damage or otherwise interfere with the smoke or carbon monoxide detectors located in the cabins. If there is an issue with any detector, please contact the campmaster or ranger immediately.
- Never leave your campfires unattended. Units must have adequate firefighting equipment available (to include bucket for water, fire rake and shovel) prior to starting a fire. Equipment can be checked out from the campmaster in HQ. Campfires must be completely extinguished (cold to the touch) when finished. Please remember, by Pennsylvania State law, any person who starts a forest fire may be held liable for the cost of extinguishing the fire . . . so be extra careful when building outdoor fires.
- Please report all injuries or incidents immediately to a ranger or campmaster.
- The beds of pickup trucks are for hauling equipment only. ABSOLUTELY NO riders are permitted in the back of pickup trucks. All passengers MUST be in the cab. One passenger per seat belt.
- Electrical, propane, gasoline (Coleman) or kerosene space heaters are not permitted in tents or any camp lodges or buildings.
- Health and safety regulations do not allow pets in camp.

## CHECK-OUT - Departure time: **No later than 12:00 noon on Sunday.**

- Leave your cabin/campsite cleaner than you found it. Police the perimeter area outside of your cabin or campsite for trash and debris. Place all trash in plastic bags and dispose of as directed by the campmaster or ranger. Replenish all firewood used for next week's group. Failure to do so will result in the forfeiture of the unit's \$50.00 deposit.
- When ready to depart contact the campmaster or a ranger for a site inspection. *Do not leave camp without the campmaster or ranger review.*

## GENERAL

- Leave No Trace principles are in effect: Plan and prepare your trip.
- Travel and camp on durable surfaces – Stay on established trails. Camp only in designated campsites.
- Leave what you find (except trash)
- Dispose of waste properly – Do not burn or bury trash. Do not throw excess food into the woods.
- Respect wildlife . . . HSR is their home, we are the visitors.
- Minimize the impact of campfires.
- Be considerate of other campers.
- A fishing license is required for any one 16 years or older who fishes the Octoraro Creek. The license must be appropriate for the location in HSR that you will be fishing (Pennsylvania vs. Maryland).
- The burning of pine in cabin fireplaces or wood stoves is prohibited.
- Alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs and all fireworks are absolutely prohibited.
- Report any facility maintenance needs to a ranger or campmaster.
- Do not leave the reservation without notifying the campmaster or ranger.
- “Un-Scouting like” conduct or behavior will not be tolerated. Units may forfeit its camping privilege.
- Units will be responsible for any damage they may have caused during their stay.